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SUMMARY: DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL CARRIED FULL PAGE
INTERVIEW SEPT 28 OF JORGE SANGUMBA, SEC OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF NATIONAL UNION FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA).
IN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY LESOLEIL EDITOR, BARA DIOUF, SANGUMBA
TOOK PAINS TO ESTABLISH LEGITIMACY HIS LIBERATION MOVEMENT,
STRESSED NEED FOR THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS TO AGREE ON
UNITY OF ACTION, NOTED UNITA WILLINGNESS TO WORK
WITH PORTUGUESE, AND STATED UNITA CONSIDERS CABINDA
PART OF ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

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1. TO ESTABLISH UNITA CREDENTIALS, SANGUMBA, AT

OUTSET INTERVIEW, POINTED OUT THAT MOVEMENT HAS LONG HISTORY OF ARMED OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO LIBERATED AREAS ALLEGEDLY CONTROLLED BY UNITA AND TO GOVERNMENTAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CREATED THERE. ADMITTING OAU DID NOT YET OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE UNITA, HE EMBARKED UPON LONG HISTORY OF OAU-UNITA RELATIONS, EMPHASIZING RECENT AGREEMENT AT MEETING OF OAU AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC) IN CAMEROON IN MAY 1974 TO HEAR REPORT PRESENTED BY UNITA AND AGREEMENT ALC TO SEND DEL TO ANGOLA TO EVALUATE UNITA'S OPERATIONS ON THE SCENE.

2. SANGUMBA BLAMED TWO OTHER ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, FNLA AND MPLA, BUT PRIMARILY LATTER, FOR CONTINUED DISUNITY AMONG ANGOLAN NATIONALISTS. HE SAID LEADERS OF THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD MET AT OAU SUMMIT IN MOGADISCIO THIS YEAR WITHOUT RESULTS, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DIVISIONS WITHIN MPLA. HE ADDED UNITA READY REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH MPLA AND FNLA.

3. SANGUMBA DESCRIBED PORTUGUESE GOVT AS CREDIBLE TEAM WITH WHOM ONE COULD TALK. WITH REGARD PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS IN ANGOLA, HE SAID SOME WERE OF SALAZAR/CAETANO SCHOOL AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANGOLAN NATION. SAID THERE ALSO EXIST MANY WHITE LIBERALS WITH WHOM UNITA CAN COLLABORATE.

4. WHEN DIOUF ASKED SANGUMBA ABOUT CABINDA, HE REPLIED THAT DYNAMICS OF COLONIALISM HAD INTEGRATED CABINDA WITH ANGOLA "FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW." UNITA CONSIDERS CABINDA IS HENCEFORTH PART OF ANGOLAN NATION ALTHOUGH, HE ADDED, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT "PARTICULAR RELATIONS" ARE NECESSARY WITH THAT PROVINCE.

5. SANGUMBA ALSO PAID BRIEF HOMAGE TO PRESIDENT SENHOR'S ROLE IN ASSISTING PORTUGAL FIND PROPER SOLUTION TO DECOLONIZATION PROBLEMS.

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